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RE: Support HB 3265



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Chair Bynum, Vice-Chairs Noble and Power, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

We are Next Up Action Fund, formerly known as the Bus Project, our mission is to build political power with diverse young people to achieve a more just and equitable Oregon. As an organization that builds political power and strong, effective leadership pipelines for diverse young people, our work and our communities are greatly impacted by protecting Oregon families and preserving local resources. Accordingly, we strongly support HB 3265.

Immigrant Oregonians are part of our families, communities, workplaces and places of worship, and they should be safe from unfair harassment and profiling just like any other Oregonian.

The Sanctuary Promise Act strengthens our current sanctuary law by accomplishing the following:

- **Disentanglement:** Builds trust in Oregon communities by clearly prohibiting local law enforcement and governments from working with and communicating with federal agents for the purpose of immigration enforcement.
- **Private right of action:** Allows community members to seek accountability when the law is violated.
- **Prohibition of detention contracts:** Prohibits state and local correctional facilities from contracting with the federal government for immigration detention.
- **Prohibition of private detention centers:** Prohibits private entities like for-profit corporations from operating private prisons for immigrant detention.
- **Courthouses:** Protects Oregon's justice system by enshrining into law the current state court rule that prohibits warrantless civil arrests in and around courthouses.

The past four years have shown us just how broken the federal immigration system is. We have seen children held in border camps, families separated, and federal immigration agents making terrifying arrests in our courthouses and in our communities. Here in Oregon, we can't fix the broken federal immigration system, but we can strengthen the law that protects Oregonians from racial profiling and contributes to thriving communities where people are treated with dignity.

In 2018, Oregon voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of Oregon's sanctuary law. Now the 2021 Legislature can make it stronger, to protect Oregon families and preserve local resources. As members of the Fair Shot Coalition, we support this policy as part of our ongoing effort for racial and immigrant justice. We urge your YES vote on HB 3265.

Thank you,

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